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In re Application of:)
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Masafumi YOKOYAMA et al.) Group Art Unit: 2625
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Application No.: 10/553,427) Examiner: Sarpong, Akwasi
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In reply to the Office Action mailed August 21, 2008, the period for response to which is extended through December 21, 2008 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection in light of the following remarks. Claims 1-21 are pending in this application.

In the Office Action¹, the Examiner rejected claims 1-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0142340 to Watanabe (*Watanabe*) in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,736,244 to Shiota (*Shiota*). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection because a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been established.

¹ The Office Action contains a number of statements reflecting characterizations of the related art and the claims. Regardless of whether any such statement is identified herein, Applicant declines to automatically subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Office Action.